



Fall/Winter 2007 Update from CIPS President Stephen Ibaraki ...



Dear CIPS Member;

There has been a lot of CIPS activity both nationally and internationally to provide CIPS member value. CIPS continues its work on obtaining both industry and government support for the International Professionalism Practice (I3P) Program and the new global IT designation to be launched in 2009 that will help recognize Information Systems Professional (I.S.P.) holders on the world stage.

I3P Program

CIPS, as Canada's representative in IFIP (International Federation of Information Processing, a United Nations-founded/UNESCO association), is the principal focal hub in launching an International Professionalism Practice (I3P) Program in 2009. The objective of the I3P Program is to promote IT professionalism world wide.

As part of the launch, a new global, professional IT designation (IITP) will be offered for use by more than 30+ million IT practitioners around the world. CIPS's goal is that through this global designation, I.S.P. holders will be recognized on the world stage. The I3P Program will expand to encompass more than 250,000 practitioners by 2012.

For the first time, the I3P Program received both global and industry support during the IFIP world assembly ratification in August 2007. This puts a spotlight on CIPS and its members to serve as a beacon for professionalism in Canada. CIPS's role demonstrates the organization's professional value to members.

Last month, CIPS played host to the I3P Program Taskforce in Montreal, Quebec. Delegates from professional IT associations from Australia, South Africa, the United Kingdom, Ireland, and the United States participated in the meeting. The meeting resulted in significant progress in the establishment of a global IT recognition framework.

International Policy Forum

In addition, CIPS was invited to be the host for the first-ever international policy forum in October 2007 to address questions on the Internet and Web. This policy forum brought together leading experts from around the world (i.e. policy makers, academics and business executives). The policy forum is the precursor to the themes of creativity, confidence and convergence for the OECD Ministerial Meeting on [The Future of the Internet Economy](#) in Seoul, Korea from June 17 - 18, 2008. This provides significant third party validation, branding, and recognition of CIPS as a leader nationally and internationally.

CIPS also continues its work on developing partnerships with various organizations that can share IT products, services and resources with CIPS members. Organizations include IEEE Computer Society, University of Fredericton, and Microsoft Canada.

MOU with IEEE Computer Society

CIPS has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Institute of Electrical and

Electronics Engineers Computer Society (IEEE-CS). The partnership between CIPS and IEEE-CS will give CIPS members a 10% discount on the cost of the IEEE-CS membership and gain access to IEEE publications and services. CIPS will be pursuing additional agreements with IEEE-CS to also provide discounts on the IEEE Digital Library.

University of Fredericton EMBA Program

CIPS partnered with the University of Fredericton, a new on-line university based in New Brunswick to offer CIPS members scholarships and bursaries for the university's on-line Executive Master for Business Administration (EMBA) program.

Initially, CIPS members were offered [\\$7500 scholarships](#) until September 5, 2007 for the EMBA program beginning September 10, 2007 and; [\\$3,000 bursaries](#) to I.S.P. designation holders who enrolled in the EMBA program between September 6, 2007 and August 31, 2008.

For the November 2007 intake (October 29, 2007) CIPS I.S.P. designation holders received a reduction of \$7,500 off their tuition for the University of Fredericton's on-line EMBA program. Regular CIPS members received a reduction of \$6,000. CIPS members were offered a continuing bursary for subsequent intakes of \$3500 for I.S.P. designation holders and \$2000 for regular CIPS members.

Career-Focused Webcasts for IT Professionals in partnership with Microsoft

In September/October and November/December 2007, CIPS had/has an opportunity to be involved in two separate weekly Webcasts series "Ignite Your Career" in partnership with Microsoft. The audience reach for the Webcasts is approximately 250,000 with a marketing value of more than \$50,000.

The Webcasts are a great opportunity for CIPS to receive third-party validation as a beacon for the wider IT community, to grow brand awareness of CIPS, and to leverage its IT experts.

CIPS members such as CIPS Director Adam Cole I.S.P. and CIPS Alberta Director Vincent Chiew I.S.P. participated in the September/October 2007 Webcasts. More CIPS members will also be participating in the November/December 2007 Webcasts.

You are asked to keep an eye out in future issues of *CIPS Connections* for more updates about the November/December 2007 Webcast Series for IT professionals, "Ignite Your Career - IT Pro Style." The second of the five Webcast series, "Skills Update - Build and Grow your experiences," is scheduled for Thursday, November 22, 2007 at noon EST. CIPS National Director Dave O'Leary will be participating in this session as a panel speaker. To register for this or for more detailed information about the other sessions being offered, please see: <http://blogs.technet.com/canitpro/archive/2007/11/05/ignite-your-career-it-pro-style.aspx> or <http://technet.microsoft.com/en-ca/events/bb819576.aspx>.

In addition to building partnerships to create member value, CIPS is developing and/or making available best practice documents, guidelines and tutorials to help members with their IT projects: Risk Management Practice Guideline, Code of Ethics Exam, Risk Exam, and Security Assessment Tool, to name a few.

Risk Management

CIPS is now offering CIPS members, for the first time, a standard of practice that applies to members who are actively engaged in Information Technology (IT): the CIPS [Risk Management Practice Guideline](#). The Guideline is a standard of practice to help CIPS members with their IT projects and activities.

Code of Ethics

In addition to the CIPS *Code of Ethics*, CIPS is planning to offer an Ethics on-line exam/certificate to be

launched in early 2008. The *Code of Ethics* and Ethics exam are designed to help CIPS members maintain the highest level of ethical conduct, standards of practice and integrity with respect to their professional IT activities and to be recognized as such. The Ethics exam will also be offered, at a fee, to the wider IT practitioner community. CIPS thus becomes the central hub where IT practitioners go to help them leverage their IT career.

Governance

CIPS is continuing its work on an implementation plan for a new CIPS model. The National Constitution Committee, under the chair of Ken Chapman FCIPS, I.S.P. (CIPS President 1997-1998), is beginning the process of reviewing the necessary by-law changes that will be required to bring the new governance model into place. Similarly, the CIPS Provincial Boards are working with CIPS Sections in their province to begin addressing implementation. This work will make CIPS more agile and create more alignment between all levels of CIPS to create value for members.

New CIPS Web Site

CIPS is developing a new national CIPS Web site aimed at providing more value to CIPS members. CIPS will create a central repository that houses both national and local CIPS presentations, articles and events to enhance collaboration and sharing. The Web site launch is set for early 2008.

The CIPS initiatives in the past few months all have the CIPS member in mind. The initiatives speak to providing CIPS member value through partnerships, new member benefits and special events/programs.

In addition, CIPS special events and programs such as I.S.P. Week and Summit 2008 (INFORMATICS), allows the community to become familiar with the CIPS brand, and positive public perception is created. Summit 2008 will be held in partnership with DPI in Ottawa (May 7 - 9). More information about Summit 2008 can be found at: www.cipsinformatics.ca.

The CIPS National Executive wish to acknowledge the special contributions of the volunteers with the national board, provinces, sections, councils, committees, task forces and more. The dedication, commitment, and hard work make a substantive difference for CIPS in moving our association forward. We sincerely thank you for the value you bring to CIPS in so many ways.

Let's continue to recognize CIPS accomplishments as we head into [CIPS's 50th Anniversary](#)! Celebrations are planned for May 8, 2008, with a national event launch in Ottawa and local events occurring simultaneously across the country.

Sincerely,



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NOTE: If you are in British Columbia on November 19 & 20, 2007, register for CIPS Vancouver's 10th Annual West Coast Security Forum! For more information or to register, visit: www.wcsf.com.